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Claude Debussy is regarded by many as the quintessential French composer, with music that invited both warm applause and frosty criticism in his day. While our ears no longer hear him as controversial, his works heralded the dawn of an artistic period founded on innovation and experiment, and a desire to break with the past in search of new expressive means. With never a dull moment, Debussy went from being a musical misfit at the Paris Conservatoire to bohemian life amongst the Symbolist poets with involvement in some scandalous love affairs. The transformative effect of pieces such as the *Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune* eventually saw him awarded the *Chevalier of the Légion d'Honneur* in 1903. The narrative is illustrated with musical excerpts from *Children's Corner*, *String Quartet in G minor*, *Images*, *Nocturnes* and *Pelléas et Mélisande*, among many others.

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